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SUBJECT:MEXICAN EFFORTS TO SELL HIGH SULFUR CRUDE

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1. YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO CONSTANTINE THAT USG WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO LEND ASSISTANCE IN SALE OF HIGH SULFUR CRUDE AS SUGGESTED REFTELS. WE HAVE NOT PROVIDED SUCH ASSISTANCE TO OTHER STATE OR PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN A CASE INVOLVING HIGH PRICE AND PAYMENTS IRREGULARITIES.

2. WE ARE OF COURSE GLAD TO SEE INCREASED MEXICAN OIL EXPORTS TO US AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. WE BELIEVE,
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HOWEVER, THAT AT RIGHT PRICE PEMEX COULD FIND LARGE NUMBER

OF READY BUYERS, BOTH AMONG INDEPENDENT AND MAJOR OIL COMPANIES, WITHOUT OUR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS WAYS OF CONTACTING INDEPENDENTS DIRECTLY EITHER THROUGH PEMEX MARKETING ORGANIZATION OR THROUGH MEXICAN EMBASSY OR CONSUL ATEs HERE. KISSINGER

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